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Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit: 2872

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/613,742)	Group Art Unit: 2872
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Filed: July 11, 2000)	Examiner: J. PHAN
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For: ROTARY DEFLECTOR, OPTICAL)	
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2002 (Paper No. 8), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the period for response to which extends through February 4, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend pending claims 1, 9 and 12 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A rotary deflector comprising a mass member detachably fixed to a non-rotary section of a driving motor for rotating a ploygon mirror, wherein a periphery of the mass member is larger than that of the non-rotary section of the driving motor.